

The Consecrated Christian's New View of Others
The Datives of Love
Romans 12:9-16

The Context of Rom 12:9-16

1. The Purpose of the Book of Romans
 - ◆ God demonstrates His *righteousness* in condemning all sinners. Rom 1-3
 - ◆ God demonstrates His *righteousness* in justifying all who trust in Christ. Rom 3-4
 - ◆ God demonstrates His *righteousness* by changing all who are joined to Christ. Rom 5-8
 - ◆ God demonstrates His *righteousness* in His sovereign dispensing of salvation. Rom 9-11
 - ◆ God demonstrates His *righteousness* by making us a holy people. Rom 12-16
2. The Application section: Romans 12-16
 - ◆ The Christian must consecrate himself unto God. Rom 12:1,2
 - ◆ The consecrated Christians sober view of himself (needy & needed). Rom 12:3-8.
 - ◆ The consecrated Christians love for his brothers. Rom 12:9-16

The Command: Love with a Sincere Love. Rom 12:9a

1. Let love be without hypocrisy.
 - ◆ Greek: *αυτοκριτισος*. *Ana* (without) hypocrisy (*krino*: to speak + *hupo*: under)
Actors spoke out from underneath masks. Don't pretend love when you're someone else
 - ◆ Latin: *sincere*. *Sine* (without) *ceres* (wax)
Potters hid serious flaws in their pottery by filling cracks with wax & painting over them.
2. Let love be the *real* thing! Jn 13:34,35; Gal 5:22

The Nature of Sincere Love. Rom 12:9b-16.

1. Real Love -- Sincere love is **holy**. Vs 9b.
 - ◆ It hates (*apostugeo* -- abhors) what God hates. E.G. Prov 6:16-19; Isa 1:12-15; Amos 5:2
 - ◆ It clings (lit "glues to") to what is good. Gal 5:22-23; Phil 4:8-9; Rom 7:12; I Cor 13:6
2. Real Love -- Sincere love gives loyal **devotion, affection & honor**. Vs 10
 - ◆ Devoted (*philostorgos*: *phileo* + *storge*) a parent's devotion to infant. I.E. stork-like love.
 - ◆ Brotherly love (*philadelphia*: *phileo* + *delphia*) love of brother or sister. I.E. family love.
 - ◆ Give preference in honor (*pro* + *ego*) to set others before you. Phil 2:3-4
3. Real Love -- Sincere love is **untiring & zealous in service**. Vs 11
 - ◆ Serving in zeal -- not getting tired or "lazy." Gal 6:9.
 - ◆ In spirit -- boiling. What is your passion? Is it to serve others?
4. Real Love -- Sincere love is **persevering**. Vs 12.
 - ◆ In hope -- joyful. Your eyes are fixed on Christ's return. *Encouragement* to others!
 - ◆ In tribulation -- persevering. You don't fall out of the race under trial.
 - ◆ In prayer -- devoted. You intercede for the body. *This* is love for others!
5. Real Love -- Sincere love is **generous & hospitable**. Vs 13
 - ◆ Contributing to (*koinoneo*) the needs of others in need. *If I got a dollar -- you got a dollar*
 - ◆ Practicing hospitality (*philoxenia*: *phileo* + *xenia*) love of strangers. Mt 25:34f; Lk 14:13
6. Real Love -- Sincere love demonstrates **good-will toward those who hurt you**. Vs 14.
 - ◆ Blessing (*eulogia*: eulogy) your persecutors. Jn 15:18-21; 16:1-3
 - ◆ Nothing less than Christ-likeness. Mt 5:43-48; 7:12; Lk 6:28; 23:34; Acts 7:60; I Tim 2:1-4
7. Real Love -- Sincere love is **like-minded in heart & spirit**. Vs 15-16a
 - ◆ We delight in others joy (not envy). *If you have joy -- I have joy*
 - ◆ We mourn in others pain (not smug) *If you have pain -- I have pain*
 - ◆ We live in harmony (lit. like-mindedness) Phil 2:2; Rom 12:18
8. Real Love -- Sincere love is **humble & indiscriminate**. Vs 16b
 - ◆ Not proud, arrogant, haughty. Without snobbery. Mt 11:19.
 - ◆ The people whom God loves are the people whom you love. I Cor 1:26,29
9. Summary Statement. Sincere love is **not conceited** (a transformed mind) Vs 16b. Cf. Vs 3